

Remarks

Applicants have cancelled Claims 33-62 and 64 without prejudice or disclaimer and herein reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the cancelled claims. Applicants have added new Claims 65-93, Applicants submit no new matter has been added by the present amendment. New Claims 65-93 correspond substantially to cancelled Claims 33-62.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)/103(a)

Claims 33-40, 44 and 48-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under § 103(a) as obvious over Matsuda, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,109,082). Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection. Applicants have cancelled Claims 33-40, 44 and 48-54 without prejudice or disclaimer and herein reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the cancelled claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present rejection is moot and draw attention to the fact that Claim 63 was not rejected and therefore request early allowance of Claim 63 and any dependent claim based on Claim 63.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 39-7, 55-62 and 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Matsuda, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,109,082) in view of Tsujimoto, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,905,125). Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection. Applicants have cancelled Claims 39-7, 55-62 and 64 without prejudice or disclaimer and herein reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the cancelled claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present rejection is moot and draw attention to the fact

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